

# ***AGENDA***

## ***Sister Cities Commission***

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Thursday, July 22, 2004  
Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.  
7:00 PM

- I. Roll Call**
- II. Seating of Alternates**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Approval of Minutes: June 24, 2004**
- V. Approval of Agenda**
- VI. Announcements/Correspondence**

### **VII. Citizen's Forum**

Members of the audience are invited to address the Commission on any subject not on tonight's agenda. Speakers must supply their name and address for the record. Commissioners cannot respond to issues brought forward, but may request that the matter be placed on the agenda of a future meeting.

### **VIII. Old Business**

#### **1. MILPITAS SISTER CITIES ASSOCIATION**

**Background:** Standing item for development update from Commissioner Grilli.

**Recommendation:** Note receipt and file.

#### **2. TSUKUBA CITY, JAPAN: SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP**

**Background: a) Tsukuba Delegation Visit, July 5 – 6:** Chair Garcia coordinated this two-day visit to Milpitas. Regrettably, the second day was cut short by the Tsukuba delegation due to health and flight concerns.

**b) Tsukuba-to-Milpitas Cultural Exchange, August 16 – 23, 2004:** Vice Chair Arthur volunteered as the lead commissioner with Chair Garcia and Commissioner Iringan volunteering as subcommittee members.

**Recommendation:** a) Receive Chair Garcia's report; b) Discuss visit logistics, including possible event notification to Council and provide direction to staff. Staff will distribute a draft itinerary for use of City facilities at the meeting.

### **3. HUIZHOU CITY, CHINA: SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP**

**Background:** Commissioner Grilli awaits Huizhou's consideration of Fall 2004 student and cultural exchange to Milpitas and Spring 2005 student and cultural exchange to Huizhou. Staff previously reported receiving the signed English version of the Memorandum of Understanding with Mayor Yebin's signature. Staff has not received the corrected Chinese translation of the MOU with Mayor Yebin's signature. This version required a title change.

**Recommendation:** Declare the effective date for this two-year relationship as April 28, 2004, which is the date of Mayor Esteves' signature on the English version. Receive updated report from Francis Chien, Huizhou-Milpitas Sister Cities Committee representative.

### **4. DAGUPAN CITY, PHILLIPINES: SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP**

**Background:** Commissioner Iringan is working to confirm a possible visit from Mayor Lim.

**Recommendation:** Review and discuss information from Commissioner Iringan. Continue discussions to evaluate relationship activities and progress, due as a report to Council on or before April 15, 2005.

### **5. EUROPEAN SISTER CITY RESEARCH**

**Background:** Commissioner Arefi began research on possible sister city relationships in Europe.

**Recommendation:** Receive update and discuss next steps.

### **6. 2004 WORKPLAN REVIEW & UPDATE**

**Background:** Pending commission discussion of potential upcoming cultural exchanges, staff has no requested updates to the work plan.

**Recommendation:** Note receipt and file.

## **IX. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT**

## **X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Milpitas Sister Cities Association Report
2. Sister City Relationships/Cultural Exchanges:
  - a. Tsukuba City, Japan
    - i. August 2004 Tsukuba-to-Milpitas Visit, Final Report
  - b. Dagupan City, Philippines (August)
  - c. Huizhou City, China (August)
3. European Sister City Research (August)
4. 2004 Work Plan Review (Upcoming Items, as needed)

## **XI. ADJOURNMENT**